Post 16 options

New grading	Current grading
9	A*
8 7	Α
6 5	В
5 4	C
2	D
3 2	E
1	F
	G
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Source: Ofqual	PA

A levels

- **Description**: Study a subject you took at GCSE in greater depth or choose a new one like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 broad subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose ones you need for a specific career.
- Duration: 2 years
- Assessment: Mostly exams at the end of the course
- Entry requirements: Course dependent, typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and maths)
- Leads to: University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work

Technical and vocational qualifications

- **Description**: Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.
- **Duration**: Course dependent
- Assessment: Can include coursework, skills tests and exams
- Entry requirements: Course dependent
- Leads to: Apprenticeship, work, college or university

Applied qualifications

- **Description**: Qualifications that give you a broad overview of working in a specific sector, like business, media, engineering, leisure or science and technology. A mix of classroom-based learning with the chance to get some practical skills.
- **Duration**: Course dependent
- Assessment: Course dependent (coursework and exams)
- Entry requirements: Yes
- Leads to: University/college, apprenticeship, work

Exam retakes

- **Description**: If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications.
- Location: School sixth form, sixth form college or further education college
- Duration: 1 year
- Entry requirements: 16+
- Qualifications: GCSE
- Leads to: Higher level or degree apprenticeship, further education, higher education, work

Apprenticeships

- **Description**: Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.
- Location: You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology **Duration**: A minimum of 1 year
- Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level
- Qualifications: apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level
- Leads to: Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

Sixth Form – A'Levels/BTECs

Below are some videos made by the schools about their Sixth forms – scroll down on the webpages to the video.

https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/sixth-form

https://www.staidans.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions/

Sixth Form at Ripon Grammar School

College – 16 - 18



- AAT
- Applied Science
- Apprenticeships
- Art & Design
- Beauty
- Brickwork
- Business
- · Catering & Hospitality
- Ceramics
- Childcare
- CIPD Level 3 & 5
- · Courses for Businesses
- Digital & IT
- Electrical
- ESOL
- Hairdressing
- · Health & Social Care
- · Carpentry & Joinery
- Motor Vehicle
- Performing Arts
- Sport
- Uniformed Public Services
- Vocational
- Welding

Courses might be more related to the area in which you want to work.

Home | York College & University Centre

Harrogate College

Apprenticeships:

https://www.northernskills.co.uk/about-us

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/national-apprenticeship-week

https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/courses/agriculture-countryside/agriculture-stockperson-apprenticeship/

Askham Bryan College

Search the courses:

https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/courses/search

A welcome from the Headteacher:

https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/students/enrolment-information

Hear from the students:

https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/higher-education/student-case-studies